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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This responds to the Restriction Requirement, dated February 20, 2009. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-14 and 17-28 for examination. This election is made with traverse.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement on the basis that the Restriction Requirement mischaracterizes the special technical feature of the presently claimed invention. The special technical feature of the presently claimed invention is the method recited in Claim 1, which is neither disclosed nor suggested in the cited references of Glavic (U.S. Patent No. 4,429,461) or Schwonke et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0020128).

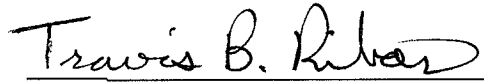
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Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 15, 16, 29 and 30.

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